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MEMORANDUM FOR AAG-AIR
DIRECTOR OF STAFF
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FROM: Director, Commander Development Course

SUBJECT: Announcement for the FY 2018 ANG Commander Development Course

1. The Commander Development Course (CDC) is a full spectrum leadership development seminar designed for Air National Guard leaders, lieutenant colonel – colonel or equivalent, who are assigned at the group, wing or headquarters levels; or have the potential to be assigned to command positions at these levels. CDC provides attendees with an opportunity to hear presentations from, and participate in discussions with, senior Air National Guard and Air Force leaders, centering on the theme “*Deliberate Leadership; Intentional Command.*” The CDC is also open to senior Army National Guard colonel/general officer candidates working within their states or at their Joint Force Headquarters, as well as Active Component officers serving at ANG Associate Units.

2. Commander Development Course Dates:

- a. 20-28 March 2018; travel on 19 March and no earlier than 1600 on 28 March
- b. 15-23 May 2018; travel on 14 May and no earlier than 1600 on 23 May
- c. Registration Deadline: 15 December 2017

3. Course Location: The course will be held in the Ted Jackson Auditorium, Conaway Hall, Building 3500 (ANG Readiness Center), Joint Base Andrews (JBA). Attendees requiring lodging will be billeted on JBA and billeting will be reserved by the Course Manager.

4. Uniform: The uniform for the class is ABU/flight suit; however, students may elect to wear any blues combination. The dress requirement for the Legislative Day will be Business Casual. Dress for the welcome social is Business Casual with open collar.

5. Background: This course, conducted “By the Field, For the Field” for recently assigned or future leaders at the group, wing or headquarters level, provides attendees with the latest information and exposure to understand and handle a broad spectrum of issues/challenges both at home and nationally. Class size is normally 60 students.

6. Special Events:

Welcome Social: This social event gives attendees an opportunity to meet fellow classmates and interact with senior ANG leaders.

Legislative Day and Class Social: The day spent at the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS), including the class social in the evening, is one of the highlights of the seminar. Past speakers have included Congressmen and senior leaders from the various services and industry.

Arlington Hall/Pentagon Day: A day is planned at either the Pentagon or the Army Guard Readiness Center (Arlington Hall) which will include presentations and insights by the most senior NGB and Air Force officials, and an informal historical tour.

7. **Safety and Accident Investigation Board President Course (BPC):** Students may elect to stay for the BPC which starts at noon on the last day of the CDC and runs through Friday. This course, held 28-30 March and 23-25 May 2018, is designed to train future Safety/Accident Investigation Board presidents regarding duties and responsibilities for Class A/B aviation, ground, space, and weapons mishaps. The BPC is listed in this letter as a courtesy; a separate TLN and registration process is required through A1.

8. **Ground Rules:** CDC is conducted in a non-attribution format. During scheduled hours, attendees will be expected to be in class and not conducting business at the Readiness Center or elsewhere. Attendees are encouraged to schedule meeting time with ANGRC staff either before the first day or after the last course day. Attendees are expected to attend all scheduled sessions.

9. **Travel:** Military transportation is not available during this course. Rental cars are required to travel between billeting and class. Group transportation will be coordinated for off-site events.

10. **Spouses:** A spouse program is not included in the CDC. Attendees are allowed to invite spouses at their own expense; however, spouse participation is very limited and is restricted to the discretion of the CDC Director. Please consider these factors when determining whether to bring your spouse. Note: All students will have the weekend off.

11. **Course Cost:** The course is UNIT FUNDED. On base billeting is available and directed. Students will be unable to use the dining facility for all meals due to the course schedule; therefore, proportional meal rate is authorized. Full per diem will be authorized for the Legislative and Arlington Hall/Pentagon days due to the off-base activities.

12. **Landing Fee:** A non-reimbursable landing fee will be collected from all students when registering on Day 1. The amount will be broadcast prior to student arrival.

13. **Application/Selection Process:** Interested applicants should complete the attached spreadsheet and submit through the chain-of-command for processing. After a member receives endorsement from his/her Wing Commander or equivalent, the Force Development Office will complete and email the CDC Registration Request Form to Colonel Strider Sulley, course manager. If multiple members of the same Wing request attendance in the same Fiscal Year, the Wing will submit the list of names in order of prioritization on one registration form. Should the number of course applicants exceed capacity, the Course Director will be required to limit attendees. Approximately 60 days prior to the class start date, prospective students will be notified via email of their status.

14. Questions or any need for assistance may be directed to Colonel Strider Sulley at (603) 227-5106, DSN 684-9006, or strider.sulley.mil@mail.mil.



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